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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. **Basis of the Report**
 - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed.
 - a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 - b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.
2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)
3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)
4. With regard to the title,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
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 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
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 - a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____
 - as suggested by the applicant.
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 - as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 - b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

on paper
 in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed
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3. Additional comments:

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(8) : C12Q 1/68; A01N 43/04; C07H 21/04; A61K 31/07
 US CL : 435/6, 91.1, 325, 375; 536/23.1, 24.3, 24.33, 24.5; 514/44

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 U.S. : 435/6, 91.1, 325, 375; 536/23.1, 24.3, 24.33, 24.5; 514/44

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
 Please See Continuation Sheet

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	BYROM et al. Inducing RNAi with siRNA cocktails generated by RNase III. Ambion TechNotes Newsletter, 2003 Vol. 10, No. 1, pages 4-7, see Abstract.	1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 24, and 26-28
Y	SUN et al. Mechanism of action of Escherichia coli ribonuclease III. Stringent chemical requirement for the glutamic acid 117 side chain and Mn ²⁺ rescue of the Glu117 Asp Mutant. Biochemistry, 2001 Vol. 40, pages 5102-5110, see Abstract.	1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 24, and 26-28
A	Caplen et al. RNAi as a gene therapy approach. Gene Therapy, 2003 Vol. 3, pages 575-586, see entire article.	14, 16-23, and 25
A	Coburn et al. siRNAs: a new wave of RNA-based therapeutics. J Anti Chemo, 2003 Vol. 51, pages 753-756, see entire article.	14, 16-23, and 25
A	Agami et al. RNAi and related mechanisms and their potential use for therapy. Curr Opin in Chem Bio, 2002 Vol. 6, pages 829-834, see entire article.	14, 16-23, and 25

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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